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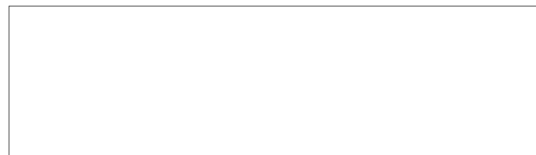
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LOGNOTE -- Acting Chief, Operations Group, 4 June 1986

1. NICOSIA POSITION INCREASE REQUEST: Was called today by Ted Feiffer, State Cyprus desk, who briefed me on the Ambassador's cable re the FBIS request to increase positions to accommodate Gulf transfers. The message, seven paragraphs long, signals a qualified "yes, but." The Ambassador brought up a number of problems extraneous to the FBIS case, which, however, cause the State action to shift from the desk to admin. Mary Pendleton (647-3326), the Post Management Officer for Cyprus, will become action officer. Feiffer is sending her the cable for a response, and I will give her a call at the end of the week. The Ambassador says that the additional FBIS bodies will not be a serious load on Embassy resources, though he asks for extended hours for the Embassy nurse and a new junior admin clerk/typist to handle them. The other FBIS-related issues he raised were the possible increase in the honorarium and the need for the GOC to approve new personnel. I told Feiffer that FBIS was fully aware of both of the latter.

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